Protest against piracy by film industry

2105. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to a day long strike observed by the film industry on August 18, 1998 to protest against Government's failure to curb music and movie piracy;

(b) if so, the precise reasons assigned by the industry for such a strike, indicating the nature and extent of alleged piracy; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) It has been ascertained from the Film Federation of India that the film industry in Mumbai observed a one day strike on 18-8-98 to protest against rampant cable and other piracy. It has been stated that the uncontrolled growth and expansion cable/TV network is said to have resulted in the closing down of a number of theatres. Cable rights, generally exercisable after six months of theatrical release are illegally exercised simultaneously with the theatrical release.

(c) The enforcement of the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957 is the responsibility of the Police and the Home Departments of the State Governments who have special powers under Section 64 of the Act. Copyright Enforcement Cells have been set up in most of the States/Union territories headed by a senior police officer, to deal with such matters.

आकाशवाणी के उद्घोषकों द्वारा 'आमरण अनशन'

2106. श्री रमाशंकर कौशिक:
प्रो. रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी के सभी उद्घोषकों ने 14 दिसम्बर से "आकाशवाणी भवन" पर "आमरण अनशन" पर जाने का फैसला किया है और उन्होंने इस संबंध में सरकार को सूचना भी दे दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस आमरण अनशन के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उद्घोषकों को आमरण-अनशन पर जाने से रोकने तथा आकाशवाणी के कार्यक्रमों पर पड़ने वाले इसके संभावित प्रतिकूल प्रभाव को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार नकवी): (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी उद्घोषक संघ ने प्रसार भारती को केवल प्रसारण निष्पादकों तथा कार्यक्रम निष्पादकों के पक्ष में संशोधित वेतनमान के आदेश पारित कर दिए जाने तथा उद्घोषक संवर्ग को छोड़ दिए जाने की स्थिति में अनिश्चितकालीन हड़ताल के साथ आमरण अनशन करने के अपने संकल्प का संकेत दिया है।

(ग) सरकार ने अभी तक प्रसारण निष्पादकों तथा कार्यक्रम निष्पादकों के वेतनमान में संशोधन करने संबंधी कोई आदेश जारी नहीं किया है। तथापि, यदि कोई कर्मचारी भूख हड़ताल करता है तो लागू निर्देशों के अनुसार, स्थिति से निपटा जाएगा तथा कार्यक्रम प्रसारण की सामान्य स्थिति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाएंगे।

High power T.V. Transmitter for Warangal

2107. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to instal high power T.V. transmitter for Warangal in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to start operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Scheme for the establishment of a 10 KW HPT at Warangal is, at present under implementation. Project is likely to be completed during 2000-2001, subject to timely completion of tower and civil works, construction of approach road to transmitter

site, and availability of other infrastructural facilities. The transmitter would be commissioned soon thereafter depending upon availability of requisite staff for its operation and maintenance.

Uplinking facility at Imphal Station

2108. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIR has not got uplinking facility which may link State and National chennel at Imphal station;

(b) whether this uplinking facility could be provided before the National Games to be held at Imphal; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the present transmitter cannot take AIR programmes to the hill areas of the State and by when the single channel AIR station will be converted into the second channel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Uplinking facility at Imphal would only be ready by the end of the current financial year.

(c) Day time radio coverage by area and population is 99%. Therefore, coverage can be taken as 100 without taking into consideration the special requirement of certain situations. In 9th plan, there is a proposal for setting up a 10 KW FM Transmitter with stereo facilities at Imphal.

T.V. Serials on Kashmir

2109. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. serials on kashmir that have been sanctioned and made during the last three years;

(b) the amount given/spent by Central Government on these serials; and

(c) the names of persons who were assigned the work of making these serials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) The details are as under:

1995-96	—	68
1996-97	—	66
1997-98	—	Nil

(b) The deails are as under:

Year	Amount spent
1995-96	Rs. 8,06,11,511.00
1996-97	Rs. 6,87,72,500.00
1997-98	Nil

(c) The details are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

1995-96

1. Mrs. Ruqaya
2. Mohd. Maqbool Bhat
3. Hanief Mohammad
4. Tariq Ahmad
5. Satar Ahmed Ahahid
6. Parvaiz Masoodi
7. Bilal Ahmed Mir
8. Altaf Hussain Marazi
9. Mushtaq Ali Ahmed
10. Ms. Saidul Salees
11. Asif Ahmad
12. Muneer Fayaz
13. Mir Farhad
14. Mrs. Ruqaya
15. Zameer Ashai
16. Ashraf Shawl
17. Qayoom Raja
18. B.L. Koul
19. Ms. Jagjivan Kour
20. Mustaq A. Bala
21. S.A. Rashid
22. Tahir Muztar
23. Idrees Khan
24. Abdul Rashid
25. Arun Kaul
26. Onkar Aima